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BIOTECHNOLOGY RESEARCH AND CONSERVATION EFFORTS IN NORTH EAST
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Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to set up a bio-technology research facility in Imphal;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the time by which the research facility is likely to start working; and

(d) the fresh steps taken/proposed to be taken to conserve rare plants, animals and microbial resources available in the North-Eastern part of the country ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SHRI BACHI SINGH RAWAT)

(a), (b) & (c) : Yes sir, the Government has approved the establishment of the Institute of Bioresources and Sustainable Development(IBSD) at Imphal, Manipur. The Institute will concentrate on the development of bioresources and their sustainable use through biotechnological interventions for the socio-economic growth of the region. Training, research, demonstration and technology development would be the focus. It has been provisionally registered under Societies Act. The research facility is likely to become operational in the next financial year.

(d) : Efforts have also been initiated to conserve rare plants, animals and microbial resource available in North-Eastern part. Based on a brain-storming session in Shillong, project proposals are under finalisation.